

REMARKS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for her effort with regard to their invention and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 13, 15-17, 19-21 and 24- 28 in view of the amendments presented above and the following arguments.

35 U.S.C. §102 (b) REJECTIONS

Claims 13, 16-18 and 21 were rejected as anticipated by Wang, US Patent 6,073,581 (Wang).

35 U.S.C. §103 (a) REJECTIONS

Claim 15 was rejected as obvious over Wang in view of McEvoy, IE 82913 B3 (McEvoy).

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12, 14 and 18 have been canceled.

Claims 22 and 23 have been withdrawn from consideration in accordance with the Examiner's Restriction Requirement.

Claims 19 and 20 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but were found allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 24-28 have been added as new claims.

Claims 13, 15-17, and 19 -21 remain pending, and new claims 24-28 are now pending, in the application.

INDEPENDENT CLAIM 13 IS ALLOWABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OFFICE ACTION

1. Independent claim 13 has been amended in accordance with the Office Action to include the limitations from dependent claim 20 and intervening dependent claim 18.

2. The Examiner found that dependent claim 20 was allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants, therefore, respectfully submit that independent claim 13 is allowable as amended in accordance with the Office action along with remaining dependent claims 15, 16, 17, 19 and 21.

INDEPENDENT CLAIM 24 IS ALLOWABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OFFICE ACTION

1. Newly presented Independent claim 24 is previously presented Independent claim 13, which was amended in accordance with the Office Action to include the limitations from dependent claim 19 and intervening dependent claim 18.

2. The Examiner found that dependent claim 19 was allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants, therefore, respectfully submit that independent claim 24 is allowable in accordance with the Office action along with dependent claim 20 and new dependent claims 25, 26, 27 and 28 which are identical to previously presented claims 15, 16, 17 and 21 respectively.

CONCLUSION

For all of the above reasons, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 13,15-17, 19-21, and 24-28.

This response is intended to be a complete response to the Office Action dated March 30, 2007. No fee is believed due. If a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-1453 (Our file No. Triple Crown 102-1189). Should the Examiner have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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